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FROM: 59 MDW/SGVU

SUBJECT: Professional Presentation Approval

1. Your paper, entitled **"When Pigs Fly ..." – Investigating Brain Injury in High-Altitude Pilots** presented at/published to **A Periodical Article for Publication in the AF Surgeon General's Newsletter** in accordance with MDWI 41-108, has been approved and assigned local file #**17168**.
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4. Congratulations, and thank you for your efforts and time. Your contributions are vital to the medical mission. We look forward to assisting you in your future publication/presentation efforts.

*Linda Steel-Goodwin*

LINDA STEEL-GOODWIN, Col, USAF, BSC  
Director, Clinical Investigations & Research Support



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## “WHEN PIGS FLY ...” INVESTIGATING BRAIN INJURY IN HIGH-ALTITUDE PILOTS



In 2006-2011, there was a three-fold increase in neurologic decompression sickness (NDCS) in high-altitude USAF U-2 pilots. These pilots were found with increased white matter hyperintensities (WMH), which are linked to decrements in processing speed, executive functioning, and general neurocognitive status. Altitude chamber monitors and U-2 pilots who had not experienced NDCS were also observed to have increased WMH injury.

### SPOTLIGHT ON RESEARCH

Col Paul Sherman, MD, in his Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)-approved study entitled, *Brain Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Neuropathological Effects of Hypobaric Exposure to 30,000 ft. and Hyperoxemic Exposure at Sea Level in a Sus scrofa domestica Model*, wanted to investigate white matter injury seen with hypobaric (low pressure) exposure in our high altitude U-2 and F/A-18 pilots and aerospace physiology altitude chamber inside-observers.



To accomplish this, his team is exposing miniature swine to varying levels of altitude and oxygen within a mock cockpit cage model where the swine are free to move around, eat, and sleep.

### 59 MDW CLINICAL RESEARCH DIVISION SUPPORT

The 59th Medical Wing (59 MDW) Clinical Research Division (CRD), located on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in Texas, provides housing

for Col Sherman's swine in an AAALACi *Emeritus*-accredited vivarium.



CRD Operations Branch staff have dedicated 4,280 man-hours over the last year and have provided: expert operational support as required; subject preparation and monitoring; subject enrichment, training, and conditioning; veterinary healthcare; subject transport to hypobaric chamber and “flight” housing facilities at Brooks City-Base, TX; transport to MRI facilities at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, JBSA-Lackland, TX; and transport to Wright-Patterson AFB, OH during each arm of the study.

CRD Laboratory Branch staff have dedicated 400 man-hours over the last year ensuring timely processing of specimens for analysis of biosamples required to monitor the healthcare of the subjects and to provide initial basic Complete Blood Count, Coagulation, and Chemistry data for the Investigators. CRD Laboratory staff also provided recommendations to ensure blood and tissue specimens are collected, processed, and stored in a manner which facilitates a variety of additional further advanced genetic and proteomic analyses. These types of analyses will include utilizing the latest, state-of-the-art, next-generation sequencing, microarray, multiplex cytokine, and digital immunoassay and may be the key to elucidating the mechanism of WMH injury.

Data analysis is ongoing and publication of study results is forthcoming. Col Sherman states of his important work to validate an animal model for hypobaric-related brain injury, “Having a viable swine model will enable continued hypobaric exposure research, which may affect several other aircrew and special operations personnel,

and allow for potential mitigation or prevention of injury in the future.”